

**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS TASK FORCE**
Wednesday, November 13, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Cochair
Rep. Brad L. Dee, Cochair
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Chief Chris Burbank
Sheriff David Edmunds
Chief Michael H. Jensen
Chief Terry Keefe
Chief Mike Mathieu
Mr. Ken Petersen
Mr. Steven H. Proctor
Ms. Tina Scarlet

Sheriff James M. Winder

Members Absent:

Rep. Mark A. Wheatley
Chief Mike Navarre
Deputy Warden Jerry Pope
Captain Alan Workman

Staff Present:

Mr. Joseph T. Wade, Policy Analyst
Ms. Victoria Ashby, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Debra Hale, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Task Force Business

Chair Dee called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Chief Navarre was excused from the meeting.

Chair Dee expressed appreciation to Lt. Gov. Spencer Cox, a former member of the task force, for his service.

Chair Dee relinquished the chair to Sen. Harper.

MOTION: Chief Jensen moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2013, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Okerlund was absent for the vote.

2. UCAN Governance

Mr. Steven Proctor, Executive Director, Utah Communications Agency Network (UCAN), provided background on the development of UCAN and reviewed the provisions set forth in the "Utah Code, Utah Communications Agency Network Act, Title 63C, Chapter 7," which was provided in the mailing packet. Mr. Proctor reported on the success and growth of the network that currently covers about 75% of the state geographically.

Committee discussion followed.

3. Technical Working Group Report

Mr. Proctor reported on the working group's discussion regarding a funding needs timeline and an implementation timeline for upgrading and expanding the radio communications network of UCAN. Mr. Proctor stated that the working group was in agreement that hiring a consultant would be the best solution to verify and validate numbers to meet projected needs.

Task force discussion followed about bringing in a consultant to provide more updated and accurate data. Chair Harper asked if there was agreement that a consultant should be hired and all members present were in agreement.

4. Task Force Direction and 2014 General Session Legislation

Chair Harper gave each member of the task force an opportunity to voice concerns, opinions, and ideas regarding: a) what legislation is needed for the 2014 General Session; b) what the future focus of the task force should be; c) what the task force should not address, and d) what each task force member hopes the task force will accomplish.

Task force discussion followed regarding the continued funding of the Utah Poison Control Center, the merging of the Department of Technology Services resources with UCAN, and the need for a consultant.

5. Other Items/Adjourn

Chair Harper mentioned the possibility of holding a meeting in April 2014 in central or southern Utah.

MOTION: Mr. Petersen moved to proceed with the hiring of a consultant, requesting UCAN frontload the cost in order to prevent down time, and request the Legislature to reimburse UCAN at a later date. The motion passed unanimously. Sheriff Winder was absent for the vote.

MOTION: Chief Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sheriff Winder was absent for the vote.

Chair Harper adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.